

It's the job of the FCC to maintain and ENFORCE the fairness, integrity, and balance of public media sources. These mandates apply especially during the U.S. Presidential race, when the information that is presented on television can have a potentially huge impact on the outcome of the election, and therefore upon the future of the world and the human race.

Sinclair Broadcasting has chosen to force 62 of its TV stations to air a controversial piece of propaganda that attacks Senator Kerry's Vietnam record. Clearly, this is an issue which requires close examination of all sides -- not just one side. If Sinclair chooses to ignore its obligation to serve the best interests of the public, then it is the duty of the FCC to enforce the necessities of that obligation.

The public airwaves in America weren't meant to serve private interests. They are meant to serve public interests. The results of media consolidation, and the ownership of media by powerful corporations with self-serving interests, weakens the structure of democracy and damages our international credibility.

Sinclair's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary just when an election is about to occur is CLEARLY an unbalanced, unfair, improper, and outrageous betrayal of public trust.

The media ownership rules in this nation need to be tightened, to bring the power of control back into local communities and away from the tendency toward biased centrism that accompanies conglomerate media control.

The FCC needs to do its job, and enforce fairness. The FCC needs to make it clear to media companies that if they are going to be fined for profanity and for showing the unclad human body, then they will also be punished for exercising undue prejudice and irresponsible bias during a Presidential Election Year.

The FCC needs to stand up and demonstrate that it is going to defend democracy, and the citizens of the United States, against the influence of private interests.